

CAPT. PIZZINI HAS RESIGNED

He Retires from Management of Passenger and Power Company. His Successor Not Chosen.

The Board of Directors of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company held a regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon, at which the resignation of Captain Andrew Pizzini, Jr., was taken from the table and accepted.

This course had been insisted upon by Captain Pizzini since he resigned several weeks ago, explaining that his other business interests were such that he could not give the time to the duties of the office.

The Board of Directors did not attempt to go into the selection of a successor to Captain Pizzini. It is understood here that this is a matter that will be determined from the New York end of the line. Mr. Calvin Whiteley, Jr., who has been acting general manager, will hold the position of general superintendent. He is an experienced railroad engineer, and has done some splendid work since he became connected with the Passenger and Power Company.

From the best sources of information it is learned that Mr. Leavenworth Wheeler, of New Jersey, the gentleman who brought last week by Mr. Fisher, will be made general manager.

Captain Pizzini's resignation as general manager of the company, and its acceptance in no way affects his connection with the Northern bondholders. He will continue to look after their interests.

Social and Personal

Major and Mrs. J. Roberts, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Wythe T. Bolling, No. 14 South First Street.

Rev. Dr. Henry Alexander White and his wife, of Lexington, Va., are spending the holidays with their father, Judge J. R. Weir, No. 49 West Grace Street.

Miss Elsie Burch, of Baltimore, is on a visit to Miss Susie Wellford, No. 49 West Grace Street.

The tea at the Woman's Club yesterday afternoon was well attended in spite of its being Christmas eve. The rooms were beautiful in their Christmas attire, the holly and evergreens were artistically placed.

Some antique furniture just received was much admired.

Among the guests at the charming house-party at "Brook-Hill" are Messrs. William Williams, Edna Atkinson, Martha Bryan, Elsie Morris, Messrs. J. Y. G. Walker, of New York; Arthur Pierce, of New York; C. W. Grandy, of Norfolk; Douglas Gordon and Olway Byrd.

Mrs. Stewart and the Misses Stewart will entertain on Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. E. Randolph Williams and Mrs. Julien Bior, Jr.

Mrs. Portia Robinson will give a tea on Friday, from 5 to 7 o'clock, in honor of her daughter, Miss Martha Robinson.

Miss Lucy Hayes has returned from a most enjoyable visit to Baltimore, where she went to attend the coming-out ball of Miss May Morgan.

Mrs. Addie Deane Lyons and Miss Louise Lyons will spend the holidays in Washington.

Miss Estelle Mosley, of Bedford county, is the guest of Miss Elise W. Goddin, No. 66 West Grace Street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Strauss entertained delightfully on the evening of the 23d in celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage. Their residence, No. 66 West Grace Street, presented a scene of great beauty with the artistic decorations.

The lower floor was decorated throughout with Chinese greens. The balcony in the hall was entwined in runner, cedar, the chandeliers, mirrors and pictures were all festooned in the same graceful vine. The mantels were banked in holly and crimson candles. Between the doors of the drawing-room a large, large bell of American Beauties. In the dining-room crimson was the keynote in the decorations. The renaissance pieces were over red satin, ribbons of the same tint were extended the length of the table, and the crimson candles in glass candelabra shed their ruddy glow over the pretty scene. The table appointments were entirely in crystal, and this idea was minutely carried out in every detail of the Christmas supper. Miss Florence V. Levy presided at the punch-bowl.

All during the visiting hours, from 5 to 12 o'clock, the rooms were thronged with callers.

Miss Leola Blair entertained a number of her young friends at progressive hearts on Saturday evening.

Miss Bessie Leishon and Miss Laura Rutherford were the prize winners at the game delicious refreshments were served. Her guests were Misses Bernard, Charles, Frances, Jenkins, Katie, Hoge, William, and Mr. W. H. Mason.

Miss Elsie Hall, of Newport News, is spending the week in Richmond.

The next meeting of the Emma Andrews Whist Club will be held the first Friday in January, at the residence of the Misses Ross.

The nurses of the Old Dominion Hospital will give their annual ball on next Wednesday evening at a reception at the Executive Mansion. From 9 to 11 the same evening the Richmond Educational Association will entertain at the Executive Mansion. The Memorial Literary Society will tender a reception to the visitors at the Museum Saturday evening, from 8 to 11 o'clock.

Mr. Vernon Kerns and Master Vernon Kerns, Jr., who have been visiting in the city, have returned to their home, in Gloucester.

Miss Betty Dickinson left Saturday to stay with her sister, in Baltimore.

Mrs. William Bannister, of Petersburg, will sail for Manila on January 15th, to join her husband, Captain William Bannister, of the United States Navy.

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Misses Locke Arnold and Mary Henry, of Lexington, Mo., are the guests of Mrs. J. H. Derbyshire, of East Grace Street.

Mr. William Thalhimer is home for the holidays from Baltimore, where he is attending college.

Miss Dossie C. H. Baker, of Staunton, is the guest of Mrs. Charles L. Cooke, No. 14 North Fourth Street.

Miss Dorothy Weinfeld, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is the guest of the Misses Lang, of North Second Street.

Mrs. Alfred E. Cohen has gone to Charlottesville to spend the holidays.

Miss Georgia Netherland Perkins, of Birmingham, is the guest of her uncle, Mr. James P. Netherland.

Miss Maude M. Armstrong and Mr. Oscar P. Cosby were married at the parsonage of the Rev. Preston Nash on Thursday, December 20th, 1900, at 9 o'clock. The bride wore a gown of blue broadcloth, with hat and gloves to match, and carried white carnations. The best man was Mr. L. Bates; maid of honor, Miss Virgie Cosby.

After the marriage an elegant supper was served at the groom's parents' home. Many relatives of both parties were present. Mr. and Mrs. Cosby will reside at No. 320 Twenty-seventh Street.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Interesting Facts About Richmond's Citizens and Other Matters.

Col. J. C. Baker, of Newport News, was here on professional business.

Dr. Frank M. Cunningham is in the city to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mrs. John H. Baber, formerly of Richmond, now of New York, is spending the holidays here.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division No. 1, is arranging for the annual banquet and ball in January.

Miss Kate Heywood is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. A. H. Roberts, No. 20 East Marshall Street.

Miss Julia Bailey, of Helena Vista, Va., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. George H. Funk, No. 423 South Pine Street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. W. Mason will spend Christmas in Fredericksburg, the guests of Mrs. Mason's mother, Mrs. R. E. Bozell.

Mr. Charles R. Akers, of the Car Service Department of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, spends Christmas with his mother, in Crewe, Va.

Mr. H. Williams, the conductor of the elevator at the State Library, who has been on a visit to Philadelphia, has returned to the city.

Miss Alma Miller, of Newark, N. J., who has been her cousin, Miss Amelia Arnold, of No. 1120 Brook Road, has returned home for the holidays.

Dr. B. L. Hillman is spending his Christmas with Mr. J. S. R. Burwell, of Powhatan county, and will return to the city Saturday.

The invitations issued to a supper, to be given at No. 1113 West Clay Street, by the Eureka Pleasure Club, should be for Thursday, the 27th, instead of the 25th.

Mr. Lewis W. Burwell will be in the city to-day until 1 o'clock to receive anything of the poor, and will deliver a sermon before here and speaks in the highest terms of the climate and people.

Charles C. Davis, inspector of boilers for the Fidelity and Casualty Insurance Company, has returned to spend the holidays with his family, after a six-weeks' tour of inspection through North and South Carolina and western portions of Virginia.

Mr. W. K. Gordon, of Thurston, Texas, general manager of the Texas and Pa-

cidle Coal Company, was in the city yesterday. He is visiting his father, near Fredericksburg, Va. Mr. Gordon has been

Mr. C. A. Smith, of Nopox, Va., who has been in the city for the past few days, was taken sick yesterday at the Southern depot as he was getting ready to leave for home. The ambulance was called, and after being treated by Dr. Ellis was taken to No. 12 West Clay Street.

The old Spotwood's Hotel was burned thirty years ago last night. It was one of the most disastrous fires that ever occurred in the city. Mr. Hines was one of those who lost their lives. He perished while trying to save a brother Pythian.

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POLITICIANS

TO REST TO-DAY

But Many Matters Will Claim Their

Attention in the Com-

ing Year.

Political leaders, like all other good citizens, will take a brief rest during the holidays.

With the opening of the new year, however, will come the greatest flood of public matters that has swept over the State in its entire history, and from the opening day of the extra session of the Legislature on January 23d until the 5th of the following February, the leaders and the people will have their hands full.

Besides the stirring events which will take place in the extra session of the Legislature, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention will have to be nominated and elected, and the body will be organized to frame a new organic law for the State.

The great fight for Governor in the meantime will "keep the pot boiling," and there will be the usual biennial scramble for membership in the General Assembly.

The grand climax will be reached at the November elections, when State officers and members of the Legislature will be chosen and the new constitution either ratified or rejected by the people.

Hon. W. W. Baker, member of the House of Delegates from Chesterfield, was in the city yesterday, probably selecting Christmas presents for his friends. Captain Baker thinks there will be some great fights in the legislative caucus in January. He does not regard the judgeship contest as by any means settled, and believes that the struggle will probably be long-drawn-out. He is also of opinion that a great many matters in connection with the arrangements for the Constitutional Convention will precipitate fights in the body, and that it will take some time for the Legislature to dispose of these questions.

Capt. Baker reiterated his oft-repeated declaration upon the importance of the convention's work, and said he was still hoping that the very best men would be elected to the body from all sections of the State.

WHAT THEY WILL DO.

Custom-House People Tell How They Will Spend the Day.

The officials in the Custom-House building will spend Christmas day in various ways.

Postmaster Knight will put in a few hours of hard work, and remain home the remainder of the day.

Mr. Frank P. Burke, superintendent of the City Delivery, will be at my office in the morning, and spend the balance of the day with my family.

Assistant postmaster John L. Grubbs: I will remain quietly at home.

Cashier William McKim Marriott: I will go to church and afterwards be at home to my friends.

Mr. Milo M. Williams: I will act as Santa Claus, and try to amuse my eight lovely children.

Collector of Customs John S. Bethel: I am an old-fashioned c't's rater. I like to sing old-time songs and have a good time.

Captain R. B. Pettis: I will stay at home and keep shop.

Mr. Joseph P. Brady: I will remain at home and play with my child.

Mr. Samuel Bendit: I will be in my office until 12 o'clock, after that I don't know what the program will be.

Mr. N. J. Smith: I shall go to St. Mark's church and spend the balance of the day at home.

Colonel A. C. Peay: I will stay at home all day.

Declared a Dividend.

The board of directors of the Merchants' National Bank declared a dividend of three and one-half per cent. from the net earnings of the bank for the past six months, payable to the stockholders on and after January 2, 1901.

No Callers, But Business.

Yesterday was perhaps the first and only business day in the past year upon which there were no out-of-town callers at the State Auditor's office. The Auditor did a fine business and the receipts of the office were unusually large, the checks coming in through the mails.

Mr. Spence Better.

Mr. E. Harvey Spence, Jr., son of Mr. E. Harvey Spence, who has been critically ill since Sunday night, was slightly better last night.

Tug and Barges Ashore.

(By Associated Press.)

CAPE CHARLES, VA., Dec. 24.—Tug Ocean King, towing barges Astoria and Roundout, light, bound from New York to Baltimore, went ashore early this morning on Myrtle beach. Both tug and barges are in very shallow water and will probably be total loss.

Crews were all taken off by life saving men at Smith's Island. Weather very foggy.

To Save the Oswald.

(By Associated Press.)

MIAMI, FLA., Dec. 24.—A powerful wrecking tug with barges left Key West last night for the stranded steamer Mound Oswald, which went ashore three days ago on Elbow Reef, thirty-five miles below Miami. Forty stevedores left here today on a steamer for the same point. It is believed the steamer will be saved.

ALL ARE READY FOR CHRISTMAS

State Officers to Rest With Their Families To-Day.

All the State officers are ready to celebrate Christmas to-day.

Only routine matters attracted their attentions at the Capitol and Library yesterday. Colonel John W. Richardson, Adjutant General Nalle, Judge Dew, Dr. Southall, Treasurer Harman, General Hill and Librarian Scott have gone to their respective homes, while most of the others were on duty, but they had little to engage their attention. All the State officers will be closed to-day and after the pleasures of Christmas day and spend the day with their families to-morrow.

Governor Tyler was busy in the preparation of his address of welcome to be delivered before the Southern Educational Association in this city on December 27th. He will spend to-day quietly with his family at the Mansion and will buckle down to hard work again to-morrow.

Judge Alan R. Hancel and Mr. Floyd Hughes, of Norfolk, were callers on Secretary of the Commonwealth Joseph T. Lawless yesterday.

Congressmen James Hay, of Madison, and F. T. Lassiter, of Petersburg, also called upon the Secretary in his office. The latter has received a notice of contest from his late Republican opponent, Mr. C. E. Wilson, of Crewe. Major Lassiter has thirty days in which to file his answer, and is fully satisfied that he will be able to "read this little case" before the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the House.

The charter of the Virginia Co-operative Mercantile Investment and Relief Association of Henrico has been recorded in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Superintendent of Public Printing J. H. O'Bannon was in his office at the Capitol yesterday. He said that this was the 13th Christmas-Eve he had spent in his office, though there was never any business in his department on that day. Captain O'Bannon is a most faithful public servant, and has thousands of friends throughout the State who hope he may save at least thirteen more years in office.

Messrs. F. C. Hitzman, of Norfolk, and M. P. Bolton, of Newport News, prominent in labor circles in their respective cities, called on the Commissioner James J. Doherty at the latter's office yesterday.

The Hoge Tyler Rifles, of Pulaski, are very anxious to be mustered in during the holidays, as many of the members of the company are employed on public works and could better spare the time this week. The Clifton Forge Rifles are similarly situated, and have expressed their anxiety on the subject. Both companies have complied with all the requirements of the law, but it is not known when they will be mustered in, as Adjutant-General Nalle set no date for their muster-in before leaving for his home to spend the holidays.

The prisoners included in Governor Tyler's batch of Christmas pardons have been released from the penitentiary, and will all have an opportunity to take dinner with their families to-day. It will be a glad day for those who were fortunate enough to get on the Governor's Christmas list, and his kindness in cutting their terms to allow them to take Christmas dinner at home may stimulate them to lead better lives and become useful citizens in the future.

CAPTAIN WISE HAPPY.

He Solves a Very Knotty Christmas Problem.

Captain George D. Wise has